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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL BARTON BROOKS, BPR #10916
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April 11, 2016

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On April 8, 2016, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Michael Barton Brooks from the practice of law for three years, retroactive to December 3, 2015, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2. Mr. Brooks was summarily suspended on December 3, 2015, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 22.3, based upon his guilty plea to a serious crime; i.e., aggravated assault and vehicular assault.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a final petition for discipline against Mr. Brooks and he entered a guilty plea that acknowledged violation of Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4(a) and (b) (misconduct).

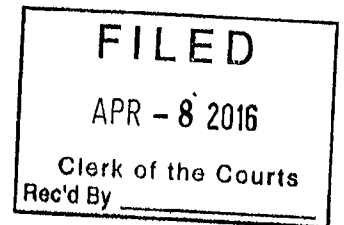
The order was effective upon entry. Mr. Brooks must pay the Board's costs and expenses within ninety days of entry of the Order of Enforcement. Mr. Brooks must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: MICHAEL BARTON BROOKS, BPR # 010916
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2015-01587-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2015-2479-9-AJ (22.3)



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon Petition for Final Discipline filed against Michael Barton Brooks, on September 17, 2015; upon Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in the Final Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted, filed on November 9, 2015; upon entry of an Order for Default Judgment on December 16, 2015; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Brooks on February 2, 2016; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on February 3, 2016; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 11, 2016; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

(1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, Michael Barton Brooks, is suspended from the practice of law for three (3) years, retroactive to December 3, 2015.

(2) Mr. Brooks shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Brooks must meet all CLE requirements and pay any outstanding registration fees including those due from the date of suspension to reinstatement.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective immediately.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Brooks shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$177.64 and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

(6) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM